

HOUSE BILL 2914

By Maggart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44,  
Chapter 17, relative to dog and cat dealers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 44-17-102, is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

( ) "Commercial breeder" means a dealer who maintains twenty (20) or more unsterilized adult females for commercial breeding purposes.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 44, Chapter 17, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

Section 44-17-123. To do business in this state, a commercial breeder is required to:

(1) In addition to the dealer license required by § 44-17-104, and renewals required under § 44-17-106, apply for and receive a business license from the locality in which the dealer is located for business purposes;

(2) Cooperate with inspections by animal control officers to ensure compliance with state and federal animal care laws;

(3) Create a fire emergency plan and install fire safety measures;

(4) Maintain records of animal sales purchases, breeding history, and veterinary care;

(5) Dispose of dead dogs and confined waste in accordance with law or rule; and

(6) Maintain no more than fifty (50) adult dogs at one time.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.